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THE TEMPLE of Humanity consists of all humans who, having awakened into a knowledge of their own divinity, have undertaken to tread the Path, and of those who devote their lives to the unselfish servic of mankind.

SPECIFICALLY The Temple of the People is one of the bodies or vehicles for the manifestation of the Avatar or Christos for the New Dispensation, the dawn of the New Civilization for the races of the earth. It was founded in New York State in the second cycle of the Great Lodge movement in November, 1898, by three Masters assisted by others for the laying of the mental, physical, and spiritual foundations of the coming Sixth Race.

THE OBJECTS of the Temple are:

First: To formulate the truths of religion as the fundamental factor in the evolution of the human race. And this does not mean the formulation of a creed.

Second: To set forth a philosophy of life that is in accord with natural and divine law.

Third: To promote the study of the sciences and the fundamental facts and laws upon which the sciences are based which will permit us to extend our belief and knowledge from what is known to the unknown.

Fourth: To promote the study and practice of Art on fundamental lines, showing that Art is in reality the application of knowledge to human good and welfare, and that the Christos can speak to humanity through Art as well as through any other fundamental line of manifestation.

Fifth: The promotion of a knowledge of true social science based on immutable law, showing the relationship between man and man, and man and God and nature. When these relationships are understood we will instinctively formulate and follow the law of true brotherhood.

RELIGION, SCIENCE, AND ECONOMICS; these are the foundation stones of The Temple. There can be no true religion without its scientific basis, and there can be no right economic system not based on a science that is religious and a religion that is scientific.

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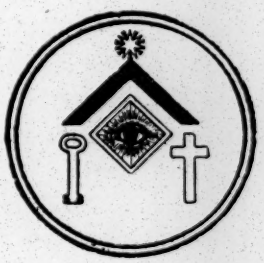
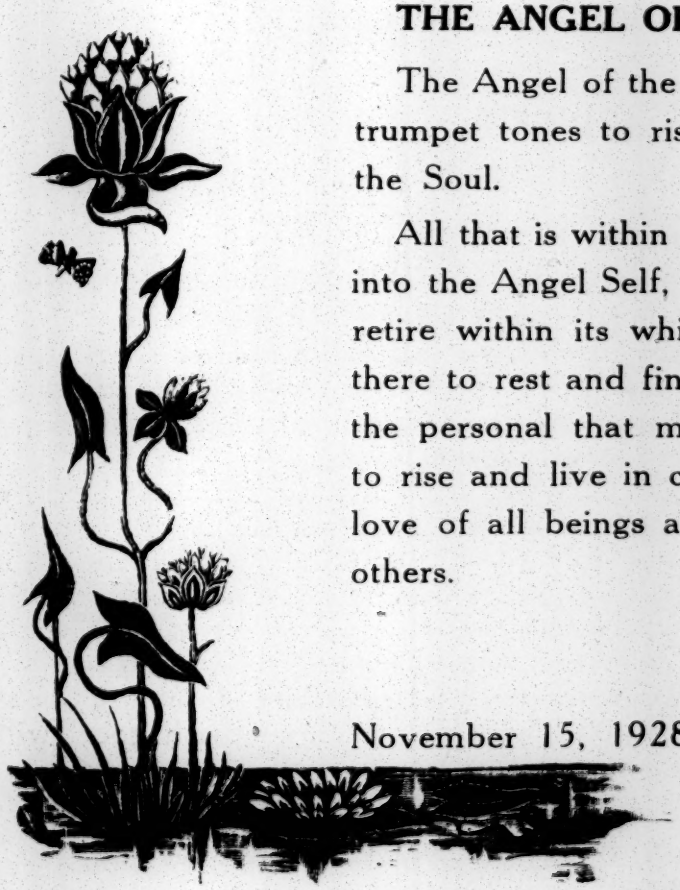
Behold I give  *unto thee a key*



THE ANGEL OF THE HIGHER SELF

The Angel of the Higher Self is calling with trumpet tones to rise, hearken to the Call of the Soul.

All that is within cries aloud to be lifted up into the Angel Self, to obey its trumpet tones, retire within its white folds of silken purity, there to rest and find refuge from all wars of the personal that mar and drag and wound, to rise and live in consciousness of unity and love of all beings and thereby also uplift all others.

November 15, 1928.

MINE ENEMY

Against mine enemy, O Lord, send the hosts of Thy Love;
Let no harm fall upon him
And no hurt overtake him,
But slay the evil that is with his mind
With the hosts of Thy Truth;
Slay it that he be not able to think evil;
Slay the evil that is within his eyes
That he be not able to see evil;
Slay the evil that is in his throat
That he be not able to speak evil;
Slay the evil that is in his heart
That he can desire evil no more;
Slay the evil that is in his feet
That he can walk after evil no more;
Impotent let him stand, shorn of his powers.
Surround him with Thy garment of flashing Truth,
And slay, O Lord, with the sword of Compassion
That is within mine own heart,
And then, O Father of Light,
Shall mine enemy be powerless before me.

—A. T. M.

CHOSEN

Thou hast not chosen me, I have chosen thee from out a multitude that thou mayest serve to light the torch which in the days to come and set a world on fire with righteousness and justice.

Then canst thou now deny my power of choosing wisely by flooding thy soul with waters of indifference and self-indulgence?

If so it be, then must that torch now fail to catch the spark fast flying from the fire I lit long ages past, the fire which I and mine have tended carefully through days and nights of time, that there should ever be a light to guide my chosen ones.

The choice is thine, O Son of Man, to touch the topmost heights of life and win the Crown of Immortality and Selfless Love, or sink into the depts of hadean woe to mourn for aeons yet to come

Again and yet again each day comes one in good and one in evil guise to thee, who says, "Make choice between thy loyal service to the Gods of Life and like service to thy lower self."

Nor canst thou curry favor by thy choice alone, for thou must choose the good for love of good, or that which seemeth good will turn to naught.

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LIFE WAVES

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The life wave of an Ego, as well as that of a world, a sun or of any living creature, comes forth from the Archetypal World in twelve major waves or cycles during a Manvantara—a Great Age.

Within the life wave or line of attainment are set the stages of development for the human soul throughout its spiral course during the twelve great life waves. The efforts of the soul to reach its final goal constitute "the twelve labors of Hercules"—the efforts of the soul to break down the barriers between matter and spirit and so free the soul from the restraints of matter .

The energy of light from the Central Spiritual Sun holds the key of accomplishment. It is by means of that energy that each individual life wave is, metaphorically speaking, expanded, thinned, made more tenuous, elastic, and absorbent as man advances in the scale of evolution by the power of Higher Manas. Correspondingly it has been indrawn, thickened, made impermeable and non-absorbent by man's inhumanity and his acceptance of the great heresy of separateness, until now it is difficult for the radiations of the Central Sun to penetrate to the center within the Auric Spheres of the masses of humanity wherein dwells the Ego while the latter animates its vehicles or bodies.

The varied vibrations of the one homogeneous spiritual energy of light are resolved into that energy at the close of one Great Manvantara.

The mysteries of all differentiations of form, color, number, weight, and density can be partially solved by the study and application of mathematics; for once accept the fact that each form of force and each state of substance is the result of the action of a separate wave or vibration of the energy of light and that the light is diffused by and through and radiates from the Central Spiritual Sun, and you have a working hypothesis upon which to build. That which primarily marks the difference between the shape and character of any two objective forms is the difference between the length and density of the wave, or the number of vibrations in each wave of light.

The difference between a good and a bad man, the useful and the useless man, the difference between the spiritually minded and the materially minded man is, primarily, the difference between the length, breadth, and density of the vibratory waves which constitute the substance from which the vehicles of the Ego are formed.

With the increase or decrease of the number of vibrations of any one life wave, the form and nature of the wave varies. The weight and density of the matter which now constitutes the physical bodies

of the human race are the result of a decrease, or slowing down, of the vibrations of the matter which formed the bodies of an earlier race.

Of course this is equally true of all material forms. But it must be understood that this decrease in the number of vibrations could occur only during the first half of any Great Age. The cosmic impulse for increase in vibration is given at the lowest point in the arc of the cycle. The corresponding increase of vibration in the body of an advanced disciple who has, as it were, come out from among the masses and started on the upward arc is what makes it possible for such a one to become a progenitor of a new race, a Master, and he becomes such a one when he no longer desires to absorb and retain the life essence of light for his individual benefit alone, for he has become conscious of his unity with all living creatures.

The faster the diffusion of light takes place the more rapid is the absorption of the same by the Master and the greater the increase in the number of vibrations of the wave which is represented by the basic principle of life—Divine Love—therefore the more rapid is his return to his spiritual form with all its powers.

This is the secret meaning of the Master's words, "Whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have."

To gain a clear concept of the individuality of man it will be necessary to postulate each life wave as a definite, indestructible, spherical form gradually increasing in circumference as the energy starting from a central point moves outward. On the Etheric Plane the form of the Auric Body of a human being appears something like a whirlpool in the midst of a body of water, both in its first and last manifestation in form, although it would partake more of the nature of fire, as would also the element in which it has its being.

The Ancient Wisdom Religion, among many other axiomatic truths, voices two which are in common use today, "As above, so below," and "That which may be found without may also be found within." The latter is perhaps more applicable in attempting to explain the relationship between light and the Ego. The line of demarkation is thinkable only from the four lower planes. No such line exists on the three higher planes, for the length and thickness of that line or wave—the first Auric Body—is determined by the thinking principle active in the Ego. It is the expansion of this wave or line during life after life until it disappears into what, for convenience, we will call the circumference of the light which constitutes the individual life wave.

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BLAVATSKY DEPARTMENT

This department will be confined to the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky. In it will be published, so far as possible, the views expressed by H. P. B. on any given subject.

Our readers are requested to send in any questions on any subject which they wish to have elucidated, and we will endeavor to search through the writings of H. P. B. and publish her teachings on such subjects.

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THE DUAL ASPECT OF WISDOM

II.

"To doubt the exalted wisdom of the religion of the late Cardinal Newman, or of the Church of England, or again of our great modern scientists, is to sin against the Holy Ghost and Culture. Woe unto him who refuses to recognize the World's 'Elect.' He has to bow before one or the other, though, if one **is** true, the other **must** be false; and if the 'wisdom' of neither Bishop nor Scientist is 'from above'—which is pretty fairly demonstrated by this time—then their 'wisdom' is at best—'terrestial, psychic, devilish.'

Now, our readers have to bear in mind that nought of the above is meant as a sign of disrespect for the **true** teachings of Christ, or **true** science; nor do we judge personalities but only the systems of our civilized world. Valuing freedom of thought above all things, as the only way of reaching at some future time that Wisdom, of which every Theosophist ought to be enamored, we recognize the right to the same freedom in our foes as in our friends. All we contend for is their claim to Wisdom—as we understand that term. Nor do we blame, but rather pity, in our innermost heart, the 'wise men' of our age for trying to carry out the only policy that will keep them on the pinnacle of their 'authority'; as they could not, if even they would, act otherwise and preserve their **prestige** with the masses, or escape from being speedily outclassed by their colleagues. The party spirit is so strong with regard to the old tracks and ruts that to turn on a side path means deliberate treachery to it. Thus, to be regarded now-a-days as an authority in some particular subject, the scientist has to reject **nolens volens** the metaphysical, and the theologian to show contempt for the materialistic teachings. All this is worldly policy and practical common sense, but it is not the **Wisdom** of either Job or James.

Shall it be then regarded as too far fetched, if, basing our words on a life-long observation and experience, we venture to offer our ideas as to the quickest and most efficient means of obtaining our present World's universal respect and becoming an 'authority'? Show the tenderest regard for the corns of every party's hobbies,

and offer yourself as the chief executioner, the hangman, of the reputations of men and things regarded as unpopular. Learn, that the great secret of power consists in the art of pandering to popular prejudices, to the World's likes and dislikes. Once this principal condition complied with, he who practices it is certain of attracting to himself the educated and their satellites—the less educated—they whose rule it is to place themselves invariably on the safe side of public opinion. This will lead to a perfect harmony of simultaneous action. For, while the favorite attitude of the cultured is to hide behind the intellectual bulwarks of the favorite leaders of scientific thought, and **jurare in verba magistri,** that of the less cultured is to transform themselves into the faithful, mechanical telephones of their superiors and to repeat like well trained parrots the **dicta** of their immediate leaders. The now aphoristical precept of Mr. Artemus Ward, the showman of famous memory—'Scratch my back, Mr. Editor, and I will scratch yours'—proves immortally true. The 'rising Star', whether he be a theologian, a politician, an author, a scientist, or a journalist—has to begin scratching the back of public tastes and prejudices—a hypnotic method as old as human vanity. Gradually the hypnotized masses begin to purr, they are ready for suggestion.' Suggest whatever you want them to believe, and forthwith they will begin to return your caresses, and purr now to your hobbies, and pander in their turn to anything suggested by theologian, politician, author, scientist, or journalist. Such is the simple secret of blossoming into an 'authority' or a 'leader of men'; and such is the secret of our modern-day wisdom.

And this is also the 'secret' and the true reason for the **unpopularity** of **'Lucifer'** and of the ostracism practiced by this same modern day world on the Theosophical Society; for neither **'Lucifer,'** nor the Society it belongs to, has ever followed Mr. Artemus Ward's golden precept. No true Theosophist, in fact, would consent to become the fetish of a fashionable doctrine, any more than he would make himself the slave of a decaying dead-letter system, the spirit from which has disappeared forever. Neither would he pander to anyone or anything, and therefore would always decline to show belief in that in which he does not nor can he believe, which is lying to his own soul. Therefore there, where others see 'the beauty and graces of modern culture,' the Theosophist sees only moral ugliness and the somersaults of the clowns of the so-called cultured centres. For him nothing applies better to modern fashionable society than Sydney Smith's description of ritualism: 'Posture and imposture, flections and genuflections, bowing to the right, courtsying to the left, and an immense amount of male (and especially female) millinery.' There may be, no doubt, for some worldly minds a great charm in modern civilization; but for the Theosophist all its bounties can hardly repay for the evils it has brought on the world. These are so many that it is not within the limits of this article to

enumerate these offsprings of culture and of the progress of physical science, whose latest achievements begin with vivisection and end in improved murder by electricity.

Our answer, we have no doubt, is not calculated to make us more friends than enemies, but this can be hardly helped. Our magazine may be looked upon as 'pessimistic,' but no one can charge it with publishing slander or lies or, in fact, anything but that which we honestly believe to be true. Be it as it may, however, we hope never to lack moral courage in the expression of our opinions or in defense of Theosophy and its Society. Let, then, nine-tenths of every population arise in arms against the Theosophical Society wherever it appears—they will never be able to suppress the truths it utters. Let the masses of growing Materialism, the hosts of Spiritualism, all the Church-going congregations, bigots and iconoclasts, Grundy-worshippers, aping-followers and blind disciples, let them slander, abuse, lie, denounce, and publish every falsehood about us under the sun—they will not uproot Theosophy, nor even upset her Society, if only its members hold together. Let even such friends and **advisers** as he who is now answered turn away in disgust from those whom he addresses in vain—it matters not, for our two paths in life run diametrically opposite. Let him keep to his 'terrestial' wisdom; we will keep to that pure ray 'that comes from above,' from the light of the 'Ancient.'

What, indeed, has **Wisdom, Theosophia**—the Wisdom 'full of mercy and good fruits, without wrangling or partiality and without hypocrasy' (James III, 17)—to do with our cruel, selfish, crafty, and hypocritical world? What is there in common between divine Sophia and the improvements of modern civilization and science; between spirit and the letter that killeth? The more so as at this stage of evolution the wisest man on earth, according to the wise Carlyle, is 'but a clever infant spelling letters from a hieroglyphical, prophetic book, the lexacon of which lies in **eternity.**' "

THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT TODAY

Harriett B. Coolidge.

Address given before Temple Convention, Halcyon, California, August 8, 1930.

The Spirit is speaking today through many voices the one message. The biggest thing that has happened to some of us lately was to listen to Henry Cowell playing the "March of Invincibility." Why did that thrill you? Because you have heard the spirit of that march before in your own soul. What is it that is invincible but the Spirit of Life itself? We are one with that All-Conquering Spirit.

This Spirit, it is plain to all, is at work in the souls of the nations.

Look at Ghandi and the stand he is taking with India. Perhaps he will yet prove to an unbelieving world that non-resistance is the most powerful force. Kagawa, the great Christian Japanese, has recently issued a message to the world which sounds like one of the old Hebrew prophets. He is speaking for the soul of Japan in its efforts to be born in a Christ dimension of spiritual force. He speaks of the decay of many things in our outer civilization and then cries, "O son of man, think upon the immortal destiny of your eternal soul!" Out of Russia has come, among many voices, the one of Alexander, whose book the Temple sponsors. He too tells the story of the soul and begs us to apply "The Religion of Love." So everywhere we see the world in the throes of birth into a more spiritual era. Nations and individuals are being called to come up higher.

Now what shall I say to this group of the Temple? You are a group of strong souls. You know the law. You are serving. You have experienced much before you could stand as you now do as a group for the Christ and humanity. To those of us who know where we stand in this hour of human history the word is: "Be strong and of good courage," and "having done all, stand." When the spiritual force is pouring so freely everywhere, quickening everything, we have to be very true, very alive, very alert to meet the demands of the day that is upon us. We must take our lives one day at a time, for the days are mighty in significance and opportunity. There are countless ways in which an instructed disciple can help his brother these days. Take the matter of finances. We all know that the dollar will never again be as mighty as it has been and that our American people have worshipped the dollar. It is for us to know that the seeming hard times are good times, and we joyously welcome them and make our personal adjustments, because it means that humanity is to have a chance to put first things first and that spirit comes first and material things follow, as is the rule of the Christ.

Again, we feel the stress and strain in domestic life. When we know that the tensions are only part of a great process that is going on in which woman shall find her own soul and man shall find his soul and the individual shall find both man and woman within himself and the Christ ruling over all, then we can see that adjustments, even painful ones, are in divine order and know that the Spirit will lead on to harmony and peace. Again I say, as individual servers we must be very true and very alive if we are to keep up with the opportunities of today. Look at the new art and the new music. Look at the young people and the children. The Spirit is in them all.

Now, the Spirit is working with individuals everywhere, but we have only to do **our bit** in the great whole. So let us see our own tasks and apply our souls' aspiration to those tasks as perfectly as possible. Each individual and every group has its place, and the

Infinite Spirit is in and through all. There is a divine order. We live in a marvelous universe in a day of wonders. It is a time for reconsecration, for gratitude, and for utter abandonment to this All-Conquering Spirit. Let the "March of Invincibility" continue to sound within our souls, and we shall go forward in the Will of God. So be it.

HIERARCHAL WORK FOR HUMANITY

Through the objective movement for humanity we have Churches, Occultism, Theosophical Societies, New Thought, the Salvation Army, and scientific research, the latter including colleges, individual laboratories, and universities.

The occultist belongs to no creed or cult yet accepts all, seeing that through each one a part of the Hierarchal Plan is being demonstrated. Through Occultism we have the Theosophical Society, whose chief worker was H. P. Blavatsky, she having received her work through the Masters—therefore the relationship between Christianity and Theosophy being very close. Should there be a rejection of the idea of Masters in the Theosophical movement, there would be no Theosophy, for this great work came through Them. Should there be a rejection of the idea of the Master Jesus Christ, there would be no Christianity.

Every movement has some Great Soul back of it, to whom the followers hold allegiance. As each and all are aiming to perfect their own inner natures and as all are on different planes of consciousness, we must recognize that **all** means of doing the work in hand are not only acceptable and necessary but a part of the Hierarchal Plan.

It would seem that the present day Hierarchal Work for Humanity is to **collectively** expand the **race consciousness** to embrace the beauty and necessity of World Brotherhood, and to individually establish the realization of the actuality of the Soul and its relationship to the lower man.

The Great White Brotherhood is composed of Beings who have descended to the lowest and returned to the highest, with a retention of the knowledge and wisdom gained from this great cycle of experience. This White Brotherhood composes the Planetary Hierarchy.

The group consciousness of a family, large or small, is a very small but exact representation of the group consciousness of a race or nation. This is enlarged in that of several nations combined in their efforts towards government of not only the individual but their international affairs.

When there is a member, a nation, of this family who is wayward and unruly, there is often a war as a result. This is a karmic condi-

tion resulting from ages of differing modes of thinking. Eventually this difference of opinion is adjusted, and the nations are at peace again. These cycles of war and peace are again karmic in their nature, not only for the nations as such involved, but for the individuals thereof. The Great Ones do not interfere with Karma but lend what inspiration and assistance They can with the conditions as presented. In other words, They are "Teachers and Way-showers"—**we** must do the learning.

In many cases of war there have been thousands of individuals who have been unaffected throughout, feeling the influence of war not at all, except as spectators. This is the good karma of such individuals. Each experience, however, tends to level and unify the work of and for humanity.

Every movement in the world today is a part of the Great Hierarchal Plan for humanity, that of Occultism taking the lead, although not having the greatest number of individuals connected therewith. The reason for this is that Occultism leads to **individual thinking** and **responsibility,** which is the real test of a man.

Christianity, no doubt, is the next in line, especially in the Western World. Buddhism, Confucianism, Mohammedanism are great movements in the Eastern World, all being a part of the Plan of the Great White Brotherhood or Hierarchy, each and all being right and proper for those interested. Whenever an individual or nation has outgrown or outlived its religious views it turns to something higher. This is according to the Hierarchal Plan of progression. All efforts of or by individuals or through organizations which have an altruistic or unselfish purpose as a motive will receive the endorsement of the Hierarchy—this because any unselfish effort tends to polarize our consciousness from self to Soul, which is the purpose of the Plan at this time.

—Helen Folkening.

Indianapolis, Indiana.

"You will each have much to endure. All who have set their faces in the direction of the Light have always been placed in the position of martyrs, and you cannot escape the common fate. . . . You must learn to find the reward in the work you do. It is there. Search for it. . . . You know your duty. Happy are you if you do it. . . . . Conserve all your energy. Do not waste it in any diretcion. . . . . It is essential for your personal good as well as for the Lodge work in the Temple that you condense and conserve every energy generated by you, no matter in what direction it should tend. . . . . Devotion counts infinitely more than labor, obedience still more. Labor should be the result of devotion." —H.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR

A great Teacher has said that "Unity is the law of discipleship." And discipleship may be defined as obedience to the Teacher, if the disciple has accepted that Teacher as one who has the ability to interpret and transmit fundamental truths concerning the mysteries of life and being.

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In one sense we are all disciples of the great Father-Mother Who has established the universe in accordance with a divine plan and for the good of all creatures. If all the races of the earth could regard themselves as disciples of this one great Father-Mother principle, and if all were to work in accord as disciples under the law of unity irrespective of races and creeds, we would soon have the beginning of a true Brotherhood of Man on Earth, with a universal religion based on the eternal verities of both spirit and matter.

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The unity of Nature is a self-evident fact to all students of life, as there is but one Deific Essence or Substance from which all things have emanated. If we wish to realize this unity we must work in accordance with natural and divine law and from the standpoint of the heart and not of the head. The brain mind is responsible for making us feel that we are separate one from another; but the heart consciousness, if realized, reveals to us that we are one with all beings and life and all things. As we cross the bridge that separates the lower planes from the higher and touch consciously even the first principles of the Higher Self, called the Higher Mind, we realize the universality and inter-dependence of all things and creatures.

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The primary object of all religious organizations like The Temple of the People is to call attention to these fundamental truths and help, as far as possible, all people to realize them and make them living powers in their lives.

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The Temple of the People states its primary objects on the inside cover of each number of the "Artisan," and our readers are advised to study these objects and help as much as possible in promoting

them, whether they are on our membership list or not. We invite correspondence in regard to our work and literature and shall be glad to give freely all the light and information possible.

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In this number of "The Temple Artisan" we have given space to three articles that belong with the convention number. We are sure our readers will appreciate these three articles, as they contain much matter for thought and are wholesome and instructive, in addition to being a part of the proceedings of the last convention.

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The Temple of the People has been in existence for over thirty-one years and has published valuable books and teachings in regard to the objects above referred to. The organization is duly incorporated as a religious society under the laws of the State of California and has all the rights and privileges of a church. The Temple work is constantly attracting more attention from all parts of this country and many foreign countries and is disseminating constantly literature and teachings of the utmost value to those who are seeking the inner or higher truth. It also follows the heart policy of friendliness to all churches and Masonic and mystical or ethical organiaztions who are earnestly striving to bring about better conditions on earth for humanity generally.

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It is only as we keep our minds and hearts open to the truth without prejudice and with a sincere desire to be of service to our fellowmen that we will touch more or less quickly the spirit of unity referred to above which, in a sense, we can call the Great Unifier, the Christos, and vibrating with it, help the Divine Forces to uplift humanity to higher levels of consciousness and service of all for all.

—W. H. D.

THE TEMPLE DIVINE

As one stone must be laid upon another to complete any great structure, so one attribute and characteristic of similar nature must be attained by the human being in order to awaken true intuition and so make a safe repository for the great secret of Nature. Self-sacrifice, Faithfulness, Self-restraint, Altruism, Humanitarianism, Obedience are some of the stones that must be carved out and laid before it is possible for the roof of the great Temple of Divine Intuition to be evolved and emplaced. When a full realization of this dawns upon you, you will be better able to perceive the reason for my insistence upon the cultivation of such attributes, for man must learn to use spiritually the creative fire **in himself** before he can attain to any great degree of real knowledge and comprehension.

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TEMPLE BUILDERS' LESSON NO. 216

Love As a Building Force

Helen Tarbox.

Given at Annual Temple Builders' Meeting at Temple Convention, Halcyon, California, August 10, 1930.

If we are to be real Temple Builders we must create and hold in our hearts the spirit of Divine Love. When we open our hearts to the higher forces we become as a channel to all that is good and beautiful, so that we are able to radiate out to the world a love that will encompass all mankind. Divine Love is God and therefore is everything.

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." These words were written many years ago, but they are as true today as they were then. "They contain the secret of all our studies, and if we will keep this thought in mind as we study and as we listen and talk to each other, it will be easy for us all to understand and to keep close together in thought and feeling.

" 'Love **is** the fulfilling of the law.' It is the law that we are to study. We have found at the beginning what the law is; now we want to learn how it works. It works unselfishly, for others and not for itself; it works without noise, quietly; it works with sincere effort, with all its might.

"If the law works unselfishly, we must be unselfish, or we cannot be used by it. If it works quietly, we must be quiet or we will not hear it—we will know it is about without anyone having to tell us. We are told by something silent, and that Silent Messenger we call Intuition. If the law works with sincere effort, with all its might, we must be sincere, we must work because we like it, and we must put the best we know into our work, or we cannot serve the law.

"Everything in the past, present, and future, all that we see and know are related to each other and make One Great Family."

"We said in the beginning of our lesson that 'Love is the fulfilling of the law.' By that we mean that Love is all there is, and if we have it we have all. But that means more than any of us understand. It means that we must recognize the grain of sand, the drop of water, the smallest insect, our most ignorant or evil brother or sister, of as much value as ourselves, and ever be willing and happy to serve them or see them put in places higher than the ones we are filling.

"When the Master Jesus was here upon earth, 'There were brought to Him little children, that He should put His hands on them and pray, and the disciples rebuked them.' But Jesus said. 'Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And He laid His hands on them."

Love is a Divine Principle and can be known in its purity by

touching it at its Fountainhead. There it is not tinged in any way by man's formative thought, but flows forth a pure stream of infinite ecstacy. It has no consciousness of good or evil, pure or impure, but pours itself out in great oceans of living magnetic power, to be used by whomsoever will.

Man has a faculty through which he receives love from the Heart of Being. The heart, however, is but the visible expression of an invisible center of consciousness. The sense man sees the heart (the affections), but the soul sees an inner faculty in man through which he may express an attribute of Being. By his word man calls his powers into activity, that through them he may manifest God, which is Divine Love.

"Infinite Love enfolds you,
Radiant, beautiful, bright.
Infinite Wisdom controls you,
Led by the Spirit of Light.
Peace is your haven of refuge,
Power that no man can dethrone,
Limitless bounty forever,
Eternally God alone."

HERMETICISM

Under this heading there will be published with each issue of the magazine an article clarifying and explaining the teachings, messages and communications received from the Masters back of the Temple and sent out to members and to the world generally. This clarification or simplification will be appreciated, we are sure, as the truths in many of these messages are very profound and fundamental and not always easily understood. The term "Hermeticism" is a good one as it stands for anything that may be written under the head of occult science, philosophy, theosophy, alchemy and mysticism generally. The articles will be written by different members and students qualified to write on their particular subjects from time to time and not necessarily by any one individual.

Questions in regard to any matter in this department are invited from readers and should be addressed to The Temple Artisan, Halcyon, California.

THE SACRED WORD

(By Temple Study Class, Halcyon, Calif.)

The teachings of the Temple give us the most information on the Sacred Word, about which but little has been said in other occult books available. According to the instructions given us the power and potency of the sacred word **"A U M"** is almost unlimited when it is used with the right intonation and color, and the cause of that power lies in its intimate correspondence to the final true Creative Word. Each letter of the sacred work AUM stands for a special

note or chord of the True Word, which is never given out but to the Master who has won the right to use it by the Initiating Hierophant of the highest degree at the close of the last initiation in one manvantara.

Teachings of the Temple further state that the Sacred Word AUM stands for the Creative Word of God. It represents the Eternally-concealed Substance in manifestation and substance in disintegration, and may be used for integrating and disintegrating all matter of a lower vibration than that to which it belongs. In its highest aspect it is the Three in One, the First Trinity—Atma-Buddhi-Manas—symbolized in manifestation by the Four or Tetractys, thus manifesting as Number, Form, Sound, and Color.

AUM when correctly rendered is a three-syllabled word with equal accent on each syllable. It is threefold in power, essence, and force, and when rightly directed causes manifest results at the same time on three different planes of being.

And further the Master says the correct pronunciation starts only the vibration of a definite degree of each of the three great forms of energy which its letters symbolize, the higher potencies of which are subject to the will of the perfected man and God.

The letter "A" symbolizes fire or flame, "U" heat, and "M" water. In the beginning of the creation the explosive utterance by the Cosmic Builders of the first sound symbolized by the letter "M" called together the scattered elementals and created the Great Deep —the waters. The waters are the feminine aspect or principle, created by the explosive masculine principle. Either two of these principles, or different combinations of these centers of energy, create the foundation strata and hold the potential form of every creature and object in all nature.

Different combinations of all three of these centers form the nucleus of the brain, heart, and reproductive organs in man.

On the higher planes where the vibrations of substance are increased the fiery properties AU operate more powerfully. M, the water element, is absorbed by U, heat, which was generated by A, flame. As the separated letters of the Sacred Word are formed into a word, so the principles of flame, heat, and water are combined in the nucleus of a thing or world. Through the process of raising and harmonizing these combinations of energies the physical man becomes a spiritual man.

As the power of the AUM is unlimited for good in the hands of a Master of the White Lodge, so it may be unlimited for evil when used by the Brothers of the Shadow. Its indiscriminate and careless use has brought great harm to those using it unprepared and unprotected, as it awakens the Kundalini Force in man, which can kill as quickly as it can create, and its premature use has often driven students insane and into great sins. A Master will give knowledge concerning it to his pupil only after due preparation, so that the pu-

pil is protected by Law. The word "OM" is in a way a blind of the Sacred Word AUM and in a certain way a protection to those who use it.

The Sacred Word is also the Lost Word, around which so many myths have been spun, because man in his present state of development has lost the power to sound and pronounce it aright.

The word is dual in manifestation. While it is a word or tone, it is also capable of incarnation, and every Great Avatar as an expression of the Christ is a literal incarnation of the word AUM, the Trinity in One.

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AUM, the Sacred Word, the Three in One, is one of the secret names of the One Eternal—Atma-Buddhi-Manas—the Ever Present Deity, that was in every country the same and has to this day preserved a phonetic likeness in the various languages.

AUM is the original of "Amen", but it did not have the same meaning as we give it today of "so be it" or "verily." It was used more as an affirmation or "God within us" . . . . . When it is used as an invocation AUM may produce results of tremendous scope, purpose and power . . . . . The correct pronunciation of the Word only starts the vibration of a definite degree of the three forms of energy which it symbolizes; but when we remember that the universe is built up from Tattwas and that these fundamental principles of nature are energized and propelled by the Cosmic Power of Sound, we can understand something of the power that may be exercised by the human voice

We are told in the "Secret Doctrine" that AUM is not merely lip sound—it means "good action." If we would have results from using the power of the Sacred Word, we must say it in deeds. Our prayers and supplications are vain, unless to potential words we add potent acts. We must make the aura that surrounds each one of us so pure and divine that the God within us may act outwardly —become an outward potency.

The powers and potencies of the Word are almost unlimited when rightly used: but so long as we are incapable of loyalty to the Agent and obedience to the laws of the Lodge, we cannot hope to know anything of what the word AUM really is. It must remain the "Lost Word," until we attain a sincere love and willingness to work for the development of humanity.

Warning is given against the misuse of the Sacred Word, especially to those who in a degree know. Quoting from the "Secret Doctrine": "From those to whom much is given, much is expected. He who knocks at the door of the Sanctuary in full knowledge of its sacredness and, after obtaining admission, departs from the threshold, or turns round and says, 'Oh, there's nothing in it,' and thus loses his chance of learning the whole truth, can but await his Karma."

The seventh or Auric Breath is synchronized breathing on all the planes of self simultaneously. This synthetic breath makes the full correlation of man with the Higher Self, and this Auric Breath is the true utterance of the Sacred Word.

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To study the Sacred Word it is necessary also to study the breaths, especially the seventh breath. The "Teachings of the Temple" says: "The divinest mysteries center in the seventh breath, which is the Auric Breath. The seventh breath is self-creative. It has no organ of action, but every cell and atom breathes rhythmically with the Auric All. When the seventh breath is active, every cell, molecule, and atom of the nature breathes in perfect unison with the Universal All—the great Atmic Breath.

Breath is life, spiritual and material. The breaths of all the planes should be coordinated, and when this is accomplished, man becomes more than man—he is a Master of Life, a Master of Breath, and is omnipotent. One-half of man is dead, a corpse, or let us say, one-half is still unborn. It has no breath. Every center, organ, cell, and tissue should breathe, have its rhythmical vibration or expression. Inner potencies are thus released as in the seed expressing its germinal potencies for growth . . . . . This seventh Auric Breath marks in reality the identification of the individual with the Universal; and the Auric Breath is the true utterance of the Sacred Word—the Ineffable Name—as every plane of the Self is in harmonized aspiration with Divine Consciousness."

ASTROLOGY A GATEWAY TO INITIATION

Lottie W. Ferguson

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Astrology is the science of the Stars, that is, the interpretation of the action and interaction of their vibrations on the lives, souls and consciousnesses of human beings. The study is infinite in its scope, and very few people have the patience and concentration necessary to becoming a scientific Astrologer. While many people have a cursory understanding of the signs and their meanings, comparatively few will enter on the unending study which seems to have no beginning. Many so-called Astrologers who have a slight understanding of the Sun signs, for instance, are like the little boy who, when given the subject "Anatomy" to write an essay on, wrote something like this: "Man consists of three parts, the head, chest and abdomen. The head holds the brains, if they is any. The chest holds the liver and the lights. The abdomen holds the bowels. These are A E I O U and sometimes W and Y."

There comes a time in the life of man when he, consciously or unconsciously as the case may be, contacts his Master. The Christian calls this experience conversion, the Occultist an initiation. As time goes on we have many contacts with the Higher Ones, but it remains for us to say whether we will take up the cross and follow Those who have gone before, or whether we will let slip the great opportunity and make still harder and more pitiful the debt we owe to the ages.

No man lives to himself alone, and this is true of the inner worlds as well as the outer. There are many such contacts or initiations—through The Temple of The People, all the occult branches of The Great White Lodge, Palmistry, Numerology, and many others. I believe that those who are interested in these pseudo sciences, as they are called, brought their experiences over from another life or other lives. All these sciences have their place and they all tend to the upliftment and betterment not only of the individual but all those who contact their teachings, providing we approach these subjects from the right standpoint, that is, with true aspiration to develop and help not only ourselves but also the other fellow.

There have been three such experiences in my life, first my contact with The Temple of The People, and that of course is paramount. Next was the Taro. Just the word Taro fascinates me, and yet I never seem to be able to do much with it. Perhaps I failed in something which has to do with those Higher Ones who have the great subject under their charge. Perhaps I am not yet ready for this step, but the fact remains that I seem to be dumb where the subject is concerned. Lastly, was Astrology.

Some years ago when I consciously chose this path I contacted something so lovely, so transcendently beautiful that my Soul has stood spellbound ever since. Astrology is used for divination, and in this respect it has its place, but it is not infallible. There are many factors which interfere. First there are the hidden planets which are ruled over by the Great Ones. The Master says in his lesson on "Spiritual Heredity," pages 229, 230, "Teachings of the Temple": "The planetary influences and their reflections cast by the individual Egos of the Planetary Rulers mingle with each other and affect each other according to the action of the natural laws which create and control those particular expressions of Divine Life, and only the mystic who can observe those reflections and is competent to decipher their mysteries and compute the power and purpose of each one can possibly cast a true horoscope of a human being. Possibly a less developed person might cast the horoscope of a physical body, but how about the horoscopes of the next three bodies, the astral, mental, and psychic bodies? And they must be cast if a true delineation of that fourfold entity, the human being, is to be found."

All this is absolutely true. I wouldn't presume to tell anyone just how far he or she was on the path, and yet there are certain factors which are said to indicate certain facts. For instance, a close grand trine is said to indicate an Initiate, especially if the planets are in spiritual signs. I have seen quite some few in the nativities of people who were seemingly not interested in higher development. Yet on becoming better acquainted with these people I found they were deeply interested in the deeper spiritual truths.

As man is part of the Solar System, so is he part of the very farthest star and in so far as he raises his consciousness, just so far he may receive enlightenment and help from the vibrations of that star.

A horoscope is a map of the Heavens at the moment of birth, showing the potentialities of the life, its strength and its weaknesses. This is called the radical chart or the nativity and holds true all through life. Very often I am asked, "If I have these faults at birth what is the use of trying to correct them?" Our birth chart shows what we have accomplished in a previous existence, but also remember God gives us free will and it is entirely up to us what we shall do with the life given to us.

"As above so below," as the microcosm so the Macrocosm. Each sign has its God-like side and the side which may be given over to the Black Brotherhood from the Aries person to the Piscean.

Just briefly I am going to outline the potentialities of the Sun signs for good and bad. For instance, take the native with his Sun in Aries, he who is born between March 21 and April 20. On the spiritual side he is a pioneer in thought, a tremendous worker and truly religious, on the lower side, domineering, fanatical and stubborn.

From April 21 to May 20 the Sun is in Taurus, the Listener, the sign of Harmony. The native is a lover of music, beauty and the arts. On the lower side he is the lover of material things, resentful, the man who craves mastery no matter whom he over-rides to get it.

From May 21 to June 20 the Sun is in Gemini, ruled by Mercury, the God who was chosen to lead all the Gods. This native does so many things well it is difficult to hold him down to one. He is popular with his neighbors and continually on the go. This person is a thinker, but his weakness is the fact that he does so many things well it is hard to hold him down to anything. He is always wanting to change.

Cancer, June 21 to July 20, is pictured by the Scarabeus, the sign whose love, it is said, can encompass the world. These natives are sensitive, mediumistic, a strange combination of generosity and thrift. Their weakness is self-pity.

Leo, July 21 to August 20, the sign of affection, rules the heart, the center of life. How these people love children, in fact anything which is little! Adults or little ones are all children to them. These are the people who are father and mother to everyone in a com-

munity. Leo natives have great faith in other people, and other people respond to this faith by trying to live up to the ideals placed in them. Yet the children of Leo never demand of anyone that which cannot be fulfilled. Their best characteristic is kindness, their worst is domination. They have the ability to lead and cannot bear a mediocre position.

On the lowest plane the Virgo native, August 21 to September 20, is represented by Vulcan. In many cases these natives' bodies are not properly developed. They are self-centered, critical and analytical. When once they forget self they symbolize the Virgin Mother, who gives all to an ungrateful world in loving service. Mercury placed in Virgo, it is said, brings the true Christ consciousness.

The children of Libra, September 21 to October 20, strive for poise and balance. A very little thing throws them off. They are the best looking of all the signs, the best dancers and in many cases most talented, yet they are also creatures of moods. These people crave approbation and simply cannot stand injustice of any kind. This type must strive for equilibrium.

From October 21 to November 20 the Sun is in Scorpio, the sign of creative life. Scorpio is the most maligned and in many ways the most beautiful of all the signs. This sign has been given the keyword of "discord" and by many people thought to indicate sexual degeneration, when in reality those born under this sign are ever striving for sexual purity. They are the greatest mystics of all the signs. Such a one has natural healing magnetism, and his greatest asset is resourcefulness. His worst attribute is meddlesomeness. He believes in duty and therefore takes it upon himself to see that not only he himself does his duty but that you do yours. He, too, like the Leo, has to learn to take second place. Unlike the Libra native, he can be trusted to grapple with the most difficult tasks.

Sagittarius, the sign of "Aspiration," November 21 to December 20, ruled by our beloved elder brother, Jupiter, has the body of a beast and the head and shoulders of a man, forever aiming his bow of aspiration at the stars and forever being held to earth by his beast's body. He is bouyant, cheerful, kind and benevolent, on one side the inveterate gambler, on the other he makes the fairest judge we may have. He shines in positions of importance and trust. His best quality is loyalty, he never betrays a friend, his worst is sportiveness. On his highest side he is a pillar of the church and an upholder of justice, on the other a tin horn gambler and a race horse tout.

Capricorn, December 21 to January 20, is the sign of ambition. One born under this sign is stern and just, most conventional, and loves success and position. He has an analytical mind and is at his best when he brings dissenting factors together. His best quality is diplomacy, his worst is deceit.

Aquarius, January 21 to February 20, is the sign of "Altruism."

The Aquarian is the radical who steps out and does his or her own thinking for himself. He hates suffering and so, unless restrained, he becomes a radical of the worst type, not because he loves to fight but because he loves humanity. He is often an advocate of free love because his ideals are so high that he could take one woman and live with her until death. He would be as true as though every form that man has used to bind man and woman had been said over him. It is said the Aries person knows, but the Aquarian knows and knows that he knows. He is the master psycholigist. His worst quality is argumentation.

Pisces, February 21 to March 20, is the sign of Ideation. It is the sign which the early Christians used to symbolize the spirituality and purity of their religion—the two fishes bound together, one swimming up stream the other down. On the highest plane this native has the true Christ consciousness. He can reach out into the cosmos and bring back visions for us to feed upon on art, music and poetry. He is too impressionable, emotional and psychic. His best quality is sympathy, his worst is worry.

So the Heavens have it all for us to read. True, the Astrologer can and often does make mistakes, but if he or you will actually study the stars in their courses earnestly and prayerfully, I can promise you this it will bring you peace, deep understanding, and soul growth.

HOMELY TRUTHS WELL TO REMEMBER

B. S.

If you would serve one in need, take heed lest you lose sight of the need of that other in self-admiration of power to serve.

You can kill out in a single word far more than you can bring to life in many words.

It takes a great soul to remove the first person singular for the sake of the first person plural—to lose the **I** in the **we.**

There is no surer way of arousing doubt of your sincerity or truthfulness in the mind of one who listens to an exposition of some spiritual height you believe yourself to have gained than by repeatedly disclaiming personal responsibility for its attainment.

When hunger for possession of some quality you have observed in another rends your very soul, take heed lest pretense of its possession leads you into paths where it is not found. Unsatisfied hunger of soul, as well as unsatisfied hunger of body, may lead to dissolution.

The distance between admiration for and fancied possession of some spiritual attribute may be short for that one who has started out to walk the path of egotism, but the fall from that height which results is over long stony distances when the ego has discovered the difference between fancy and surety, between desire and possession.

(From fragments of old notes.)

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

Readers and friends will be interested in knowing there has been quite an influx of new members during the past month or two, quite a number coming in from foreign countries and about the same number from the United States. In addition to this there is a steady call for our literature and publications and many letters from non-members inquiring about the work.

Under the head of "Hermeticism" in this number of the "Artisan" our readers will be interested in a composite article by the study class at Halcyon on the subject of "The Sacred Word."

BOOKS: We again call attention to **"Brother of the Third Degree,"** an occult novel by W. L. Garver, the Thirty-Fifth Anniversary Edition of which has been published by the Halcyon Temple Press and is sold through the Halcyon Book Concern. This book is selling steadily and is still as popular as ever. Price $2.60, express or post paid.

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